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In re application of:

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Serial No. 09/871,765

Filed: June 1, 2001

For: INORGANIC MATRIX COMPOSITIONS COMPOSITES
AND PROCESS OF MAKING THE SAME

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a decision on the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, filed December 24, 2002 for failure to respond to the office action dated May 15, 2002. Applicants assert that a response was timely filed on June 14, 2002.

DECISION

Since petitioner asserts that the papers were filed in a timely manner, the request is accepted as a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee). A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates that the request has merit. A copy of the response was mailed and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 20, 2002. The evidence to support is a date stamped post card receipt from the USPTO.

Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment dated December 19, 2002 is hereby withdrawn. Hence, the case is returned to pending status. The application shall be returned to the LIE for entering of the response. After such is completed, the case will then be forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Stone".

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